

REMARKS

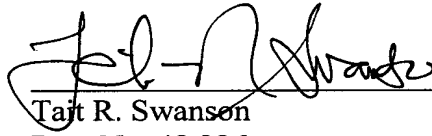
In the Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-16 and rejected claims 21-24. By this paper, the Applicant cancels claims 21-24 without prejudice to expedite allowance of claims 1-16. Although the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 21-24, the rejection is now moot and must be withdrawn. Upon entry of the amendments, only allowed claims 1-16 will remain pending in the present application. For this reason, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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